



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



The program boundaries will include designated map areas in the Downtown Area, South Main Corridor, and the N. Main & Auburn Corridor.

Note: Other CDBG census tract areas may be eligible. Contact the Community Development Department for more information at 779-348-7162.

This brochure contains program information that is subject to change annually.

Program funds are distributed on a first come first served basis. Funding is limited to program availability.

Grant Terms >>>

Matching Grants are available up to \$25,000 for exterior improvements to a commercial building within the geographic boundaries of the designated area.



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Looking for funds to help with Façade Improvement costs?

The purpose of the Façade Improvement Program is to encourage and assist property and business owners to restore and improve the facades of their buildings.

We want your completed construction project to be appealing, efficient, and cost effective. There are a few easy steps outlined to assist you and reflect our commitment to quality customer service.



Procedure Steps >>>

- Complete and submit application. If an eligible project, funds will be temporarily reserved and conditional approval received.
- Contract services to produce elevation drawings of the projected work. City staff then completes an Environmental Review.
- If your building has been designated by the City of Rockford as a local landmark or historic district, additional certification will be needed from the Historic Preservation Commission.
- After formal permitting approval received, select a contractor to complete the work.
- Submit all invoices and contracts or paid receipts and lien waivers for payment.

Note: See application for additional required information and forms.

Eligible Requirements >>>

- Must be a commercial property, properly zoned
- Must be income eligible or located in eligible area
- Must be current with property taxes and have no liens with the City
- No outstanding code violations
- If applicants have received loans from the City under other programs, payment of loans must be current
- Project must meet all State and local building and zoning codes



Eligible Improvements >>>

- window/door repair or replacement
- storefront rehabilitation
- professional cleaning or repairing of exterior surfaces
- exterior painting or tuck-pointing
- stucco re-facing when appropriate
- repairing/restoring architectural detailing
- new awnings, shutters or canopies (including removal of old ones)
- new signage when in conjunction with other improvements or restoration of historic signage
- exterior lighting to enhance building appearance and/or safety
- entryway improvement
- repairing/replacing cornices or parapet walls
- architectural fees and/or permit fees.

